PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR

DRAFT CLOSURE PLAN ENGELHARD WEST, INC. 5510 E. LA PALMA AVE. ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: January 31 - March 3, 2003

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites the public to comment on the draft Closure Plan (CP) for the former Engelhard West facility located at 5510 E. La Palma Avenue, Anaheim, California. Engelhard was a precious metals recycler. Preliminary soil sampling has shown that there is contamination but not enough to pose an immediate health risk to the public.

If approved as written, the CP will allow for more soil and groundwater investigation at the site. If necessary it will also allow for the removal of any potentially contaminated soil or groundwater. Additionally, DTSC has prepared an Initial Study (IS) for the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Based upon this IS, a Negative Declaration is proposed. The proposed Negative Declaration states that the project, as currently written, will not cause harm to public health or the environment.

WHY THIS NOTICE - The purpose of this notice is to provide the interested public with the opportunity to learn more about this project and provide written comments to DTSC concerning the proposed CP and Negative Declaration.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE? - Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft CP and proposed Negative Declaration may be submitted in writing to Mr. Robert Romero, Project Manager, DTSC Regional Office, 5796 Corporate Ave., Cypress, CA 90630 or via email at rromero1@dtsc.ca.gov.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION? - A copy of the draft CP and the proposed Negative Declaration are available at the Anaheim Public Library, 400 Scout Trail, Anaheim, from January 31, 2003 through March 3, 2003. Additionally, all site documents and the full Administrative record pertaining to this project are available during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 5796 Corporate Ave., Cypress, CA 90630. Contact Julie Johnson at (714) 484-5337 for an appointment.

CONTACT: - If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Mr. Derrick Alatorre, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (714) 484-5474 or Mr. Robert Romero at (714) 484-5316.

Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals: TDD users can obtain additional information about this action by using the California State Relay Service (1-888-877-5378) to reach Derrick Alatorre (714-484-5474)